

TO ALEXEI VASILIEVICH LUIKOV ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

ALEXEI VASILIEVICH LUIKOV, Professor and Director of the Heat and Mass Transfer Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the B.S.S.R., Academician of the Academy of Sciences of the B.S.S.R., was born on the 20th of September 1910.

Very early in his career Professor Luikov got interested in the kinetics of drying and in heat and mass transfer in porous media and this interest always stayed with him. It widened out to include unsteady heat conduction problems, irreversible thermodynamics and rheology. He pursued these studies, the results of which are published in more than 200 scientific papers and 16 monographs during the time when he was connected with the Moscow State University, the Moscow Power Engineering Institute, and the Moscow Technological Institute. During this time he earned his Candidate degree in 1935 and his Doctor's degree in 1939. Since 1956 he has been Director of the Institute of Power Engineering of the Bylorussian Academy of Sciences which now is known as the Heat and Mass Transfer Institute.

His academic studies made his name widely known not only in the U.S.S.R., but internationally as well. Professor Luikov was and is, however, also strongly interested in organizing scientific endeavors. He instituted the All-Union Conferences on Heat and Mass Transfer and was instrumental in establishing the *International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer* of which he is Editor for the U.S.S.R.

The Editors and Members of the Honorary Editorial Advisory Board of this journal join, therefore, the scientific community in the field of heat and mass transfer in wishing Professor Luikov many more years of an active and successful life, and have arranged that the fourth volume of the *Progress in Heat and Mass Transfer* series containing selected papers which were presented at the Third All-Union Heat and Mass Conference at Minsk will be dedicated to him.

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